

**Town of Sunset Beach
Planning Board Meeting
February 6, 2014**

MINUTES

Members Present: Carol Santavicca, Chairwoman; Members Noelle Kehrberg, Len Steiner, Bob Tone and Sybil Kesterson

Members absent: Tom Vincenz, Vice-Chairman and Member Al Seibert

Staff Present: Sandy Wood, UDO Administrator; Randy Walters, Building Inspector and Lisa Anglin, Planning Board Secretary

Chairwoman Santavicca called the meeting to order and called for draft agenda amendments.

Draft Agenda Amendments

The Board reached a consensus to add the following items to the agenda:

- Old Business – UDO Amendments
- New Business – Cape Fear Council of Governments (COG) Consultant
- POA Clubhouses on Island

Old Business

Vision Plan & UDO

Carol Santavicca advised that the Vision Plan was approved and recommended to the Council. The Council will be discussing the Vision Plan during the February 18, 2014 Annual Retreat Work Session and is requesting the Planning Board attend. Copies of the Vision Plan submitted to Council will be placed in all Planning Board Member mailboxes. The Board discussed the purpose of the Vision Plan is to create an overlay district for the Sunset Blvd. North corridor to the Intracoastal Waterway. The Board discussed recommending to the Council that the Town install the Sunset Blvd. North sidewalk now and amend the ordinance to reflect this change. The Board discussed creating an alleyway behind the buildings on Sunset Blvd. North with interconnecting driveways to move traffic off the main street.

UDO Amendments

Sandy Wood advised that the Resolution is being prepared for review by Town Attorney Isenberg and will then be submitted to Council for consideration of a public hearing and adoption.

Bike Path

The Board discussed that the Vision Plan recommends that the Bike Path through Shoreline Drive East be abandoned and moved to Sunset Blvd. North. This will be discussed with the Council during their Retreat.

New Business

Base Flood Elevation

Randy Walters informed the Board of proposed federal changes to the FEMA flood maps which will drastically affect the flood insurance premiums in our area. New flood maps are expected in mid-to-late summer that will require adoption by the Council. These changes will also affect the real estate market and values in our area. Randy Walters advised that a change in the manner that the Town measures height could affect the premiums and ease the burden. Staff will request an opinion from Attorney Isenberg. Additional information will be provided in the coming months.

Cape Fear Council of Governments (COG) Consultants

Staff was requested to determine if the Cape Fear Council of Governments still offers consultant services.

Parking on the Island

Sandy Wood requested the Board table parking on the island for now.

POA Clubhouses on Island

Sandy Wood advised that he has been approached by several communities requesting to build clubhouses on the island similar to the existing Ocean Ridge Clubhouse. Sandy Wood advised that the ordinance is currently silent on clubhouses and that the Building Inspections Department does see an issue with amending the ordinance if parking will not be a problem. Building Inspections Department Staff will research the parking issue and make an ordinance amendment recommendation to the Board soon.

Public Comments

John Corbett 423 Sailfish Street – Requested information concerning flood insurance be posted on the website.

Sammy Varnam local developer - Read a prepared statement concerning the proposed flood insurance changes.

MEMBER STEINER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 6, 2014 MEETING. MEMBER KEHRBERG SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRWOMAN SANTAVICCA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4-0 VOTE.

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Carol Santavicca, Chairwoman

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Planning Board Secretary

*The February 6, 2014 minutes were approved by the Planning Board during the March 20, 2014 meeting.

